

FULL DIESEL ELECTRIC LIGHTING
PLANT
15 K.W. 200 volt 50 cycle
\$15,000.
Available from Stock
FAR EAST MOTORS
26 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The Hongkong Telegraph

Dine
At the
P. G.
For
Reservations Tel: 27880

VOL. II NO. 195

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1947.

Price 20 Cents

SMALLPOX SCARE

Bilston, Staffordshire, May 20.
A 27-year-old woman died of smallpox in an isolation hospital today and two new patients were admitted as police hunted for other persons believed to be carriers of the dread disease. Suspected carriers disappeared from a boarding house in Barnsley in neighbouring Yorkshire after they had been quarantined. Two hundred children and 60 mothers were quarantined in 84 Helen Hospital at Barnsley. One of the mothers gave birth to a baby yesterday. The Ministry of Health in London said that no epidemic existed and deaths had not exceeded three throughout the country in the last month.—United Press.

Tory And Liberal Peers Promise Support For Socialists' Bill

Conservative and Liberal Peers in the House of Lords tonight pledged themselves to support the Labour Government's bill to bring Britain's inland transportation under state control when it is given its second reading tomorrow night, but they made it clear that they intended to give it the careful scrutiny they missed when the bill was "guillotined" through the House of Commons a few weeks ago.

REBUILDING OLD TOWNS

Govt. Plans Approved

London, May 20.
The British Government's plans for the reconstruction of old towns, providing open spaces for overcrowded areas and allocating land for new houses and factories, were given a final approval by the House of Commons tonight by 297 votes to 126.

"This bill marks the stage where planning leaves the negative principle and goes over to the positive," Mr. Marshall, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, said tonight as he wound up the third hearing debate.

The bill, which still has to go to the House of Lords, will revolutionize the existing system of land tenure, according to the Government, and deprives land-owners of the right to build on their land unless the building is in accordance with planning requirements.

NO FURTHER PROFIT

The owner will no longer be able to make a profit when the value of his land has increased through building development. The bill gives the Government the power to take over land needed for its plans and to pay compensation according to the development value of the property.

(Continued on Page 4)

King May Make Appeal To Indian Leaders

Full Cabinet Meeting Friday

London, May 20.

The Evening Standard said today that King George as Emperor of India may make a direct appeal to Indian political leaders to resolve their differences.

The India Office disclaimed knowledge of any such move. The spokesman said it would be most unusual for a King to "appeal" to his subjects, but added that these were unusual times and none could foretell accurately what might happen.

The Viceroy of India, Viscount Mountbatten, is a guest of the King at Buckingham Palace during his stay in London and presumably has informed the King on the progress of his conferences with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

The Evening Standard said the King would ask Indian leaders to agree on a future constitution for independent India, so that the handing over of power by Britain in June next year may be done smoothly.

"If an appeal is made," the dispatch said, "it will take the form of a written message which the Viceroy will read at the opening of the round-table conference at the Vice-Royal Lodge in Delhi on Monday, June 2."

Lord Mountbatten has told the King that the administrative machine in India must break down in the next few months unless the Indian leaders reach a speedy decision.—United Press.

BLUEPRINT APPROVAL

London, May 20.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is authoritatively expected to summon a meeting of the full Cabinet on Friday to seek its approval of the final blueprint of the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten's, plan of procedure for the transfer of power for the Delhi Conference on June 2.

New British Foreign Policy Forecast

Paris, May 20.

The Paris newspaper, Le Monde, which often reflects French Foreign Office views, forecast tonight a sensational change toward the East in Britain's foreign policy, due to Britain's shortage of American dollars.

The dollar shortage was obliging Britain to make purchases outside the United States, the paper said. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, also desired not to increase the tension with Russia before the November Four-Power conference on the German peace settlement, Le Monde added.

Recent speeches of Mr. Bevin have shown that he considers success of the conference to be indispensable and that success will result only from conciliation which he would like to practise from now on, the paper said.

It was a question of developing trade between the two countries, notably in Russian lumber, of which Britain has great need for her reconstruction, the paper said. A good Russian harvest also might provide Britain with wheat, it added, although it could not amount to much. "It is absurd to think that Russia could supplant the United States in this."

U.S. THE FEEDER

"America for years to come will remain the feeder of the world. Pleasing or not, it is true and British should accept it, with other nations."

The evening paper L'Intransigeant said that Britain is contemplating strengthening her imperial defence lines in Africa. "Britain's interest in Africa seems to confirm the fact that, being incapable of assuring protection of the Suez and eastern Mediterranean, she is thinking of transferring to Africa her imperial line of defence," the paper said.

"This in mind, she envisages the development and modernization of the Dark Continent, including irrigation, cultural amelioration, industrial construction, building of roads, establishment of military bases on the western and Atlantic coasts and the raising of the standard of living of the native populations."

"This vast project necessitates close co-operation with France and Belgium, whose African possessions are particularly important."

Rugby League Results

London, May 20.
Results of Rugby League games today were: Batley 12 Castleford 0, Keighley 37 Bramley 11.—Reuter.

Food Rushed To Freighter

Brisbane, May 20.

Food was rushed in launches today to the 4,290-ton Hongkong freighter Inchkeith, which is stranded on Mangrove Island off Lucinda, North Queensland, as 49 Chinese members of the crew were reported to be running short of rations.

The freighter is still in four feet of mud in which she got stuck on Sunday when sailing from Hongkong to Sydney.

It is hoped that she might refloat on the high tides at the end of May, but it is considered doubtful whether her cargo of sugar will be sufficiently lightened by then.—Reuter.

GERMANS TOLD TO STOP GRUMBLING

Must Work For Food

Berlin, May 20.

The British and American military governors, Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas and General Lucius D. Clay, told the German people tonight to stop grumbling and demonstrating and get to work if they wanted the food and economic conditions improved.

In a joint statement, the Governors pointed out that Germany's war of aggression was the direct cause of the present food crisis. They told the Germans that the United States and Great Britain for two years had been bearing the cost of supporting them. "Grumbling and apathy will not bring better days for Germany," the proclamation declared. "Brave acceptance of responsibilities, hard work and courage in the face of present

adversities will alone achieve future well-being."

Air Marshal Douglas and General Clay termed as "childish" efforts by some German officials to blame the Allies for the food shortage. They said such gestures as refusal to carry out their duties and to stage demonstrations, "particularly in working hours" could have no influence on better imports.

INSUFFICIENT EXPORTS

Stressing that German indigenous production was insufficient to meet requirements in the two zones and had to be supplemented by imports, the joint statement said:

"German exports are quite insufficient to pay for these and the cost has for two years been borne by the United States and British governments. Nevertheless, this cost, though great, has not resulted in any reduction in imports and continuous efforts have been made to obtain maximum supplies from overseas." The announcement called attention to the fact that although German rations seem meagre, they were but little below the rations of most Western European nations.—United Press.

Perfect Total Eclipse Of Sun: 4-Minute Darkness

Rio de Janeiro, May 20.

The total eclipse of the sun was observed under perfect conditions by United States and Brazilian scientists at Bocalua and for at least two of the vital four minutes by the Russians, Swedes, Finns and others at Araxa today.

Observations were "perfect", according to the chief of the United States expedition, and the entire mission there was described as 99 percent successful.

The Russian expedition at Araxa would not comment on their observations, but the Canadian scientist, James Hargreaves, who promised to do some of the work planned by the ill-fated British expedition—they were killed in an air crash at Dakar while on their way out—reported that he had obtained one photograph of the sun's corona.

Observations designed to check part of Einstein's theory of relativity was one of the principal objectives of the American party, and these were 95 per cent successful, it was stated.

For this study a specially-built telescope with a 20-foot focal length, photographed the stars behind the sun. The instrument will be left here for some months until the stars are in the same position but without the sun, when they will again be photographed.

If Einstein is right that light rays are bent when passing close to matters, the stars will appear to have shifted, and the Americans will measure this shift, giving a check on the theory.

Only two of the scores of scientists at the American camp actually watched the eclipse. The rest, over-casted against the cold as the sun "died", pored over instruments, making mechanical observations, in total darkness.

FALSE DUSK

As the shadow of the moon crept across the face of the sun a false dusk fell upon the earth. Birds slept in the trees, the stars came out, and in cities in the broad belt of the eclipse street lamps were turned on. For four minutes there was darkness over the earth broken only by light from the stars and from the giant flames leaping into space from the sun's corona.

Natives in area where the scientists were taking observations—one of the most desolate spots on earth—resolutely refused up to the very last moment to believe what the scientists told them about the eclipse, clinging to their assertion that the American encampment was connected with atom bomb tests.

The owner of one of the largest farms in the area wrote a letter to the American camp commander saying:

EXPENSIVE OBSERVATION

Some twenty nations spent \$200,000 in setting up equipment worth many thousands of dollars in the savage wilderness of central Brazil—judged the likeliest place for good observation weather on the 104-mile path of celestial shadow moving from Santiago, Chile, north-east across South America to Salvador, Brazil, and away over the South Atlantic to West Africa.

A Finnish scientific expedition at Xpong, sixty miles from Accra on the African Gold Coast, reported that the eclipse was well observed here. In Accra itself rain clouds obscured the phenomenon.

Clouds prevented direct observation of the eclipse in the central zone of Chile, but scientists flew above the cloud level to make recordings. House and street lamps were lit in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago during the totality period.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Eight Years For Gracie

John Kenneth Gracie was sentenced to eight years hard labour at the Supreme Court this morning when he was found guilty on charges under the Defence Regulations of assisting the enemy by anti-Alied broadcasts.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty without retiring.

Pleading for mitigation on behalf of accused, Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, asked the court to take into consideration Gracie's excellent record in the 1914-18 war, when accused was severely gassed. Gracie also had the unique honour of being made a King's Corporal in the field.

BRITISH FLOOD RELIEF FUND

THE FUND WILL CLOSE
ON 31ST MAY

A already acknowledged	
(Per "H.K. Telegraph") \$230,400.45	
American International	1,000.00
Underwriters	1,000.00
International Assurance	1,000.00
Co., Ltd.	1,000.00
Hongkong Hotel Garage	1,000.00
Underwriters Bank	1,000.00
J. Arthur Duff	500.00
Charles Duff	500.00
O. Sadler	50.00
Cal Im Tong	50.00
Richard Shim	50.00
H. G. W. Woodhead	50.00
J. E. Brindley	50.00
Savak Minoo Churni	100.00
VI. Katie, Mag and Em.	
(In memory of Mrs	
Alda Remedios)	15.00
From Anne (In memory	
of Cpl. H. Lacey,	
H.K.V.D.C. 21-5-42)	10.00
\$40-0-0...and...\$244,840.45	

Donations should be addressed to the General Manager, South China Morning Post, Morning Post Building, Hongkong. Cheques should be made out to "British Flood Relief Fund." For the purpose of acknowledgment will donors kindly indicate their names in Block Letters.

EDITORIAL

Our Filthy Money

HONGKONG is possessed by many urgent needs, but none more pressing than the issue of new coinage. The filthy, discoloured, germ-laden small daily inflicted on everybody are beyond a joke. More and more they represent a liability; tattered specimens become unusable because, when next taken out of the pocket, they are merely remnants, while their adhesive tendencies enable them, bus and ferry travellers to be short-changed. From a health aspect the notes are a menace. Never popular, Hongkong's small notes have become a nauseating affliction which repels and infuriates the public. Government has a responsibility in this matter which it cannot be allowed to shirk. For the last 20 months the community has patiently suffered itself to handle the dirty and crumpled bits of paper that pass for five-cent, ten-cent and one-dollar notes. The time has now come for some coinage that can be used without one feeling contaminated. The alternatives open to Government are

either to mint metal coins or print a new paper issue. A return to metal currency is strongly urged, for it is easier to handle, has a longer life, and is not very much more costly to produce than printed notes. True, metals are comparatively scarce, but not sufficiently so to prevent England, America, Australia and other countries from minting subsidiary coins. The danger of counterfeiting is always present, but today it is more apparent than real, largely because of the inaccessibility of metals. In any event, such a consideration cannot be allowed to override public necessity. But whether it issues hard currency or paper money Government must very soon withdraw from circulation the existing worn-out notes and replace them with new tokens. And while it is doing so, it might offer some additional denominations, such as 20-cent and 50-cent pieces. Both would help to reduce the necessity for so much wasteful small change which now clutters up pockets and handbags.

SOUTH AFRICANS WELL BEATEN: FINE WIN FOR SUSSEX

London, May 20.

The MCC beat South Africa by 168 runs at Lords today after promise by the tourists that they would make a closer fight.

The MCC declared at the overnight score, which meant that the South Africans had all day in which to make 357 runs if they were to win. Mitchell and Dyer engaged in the tourists best first wicket stand since the tour, but were parted at 66 and by lunch time two more wickets had fallen for an addition of only ten more runs.

This left the South Africans behind the clock, but when Melville joined Mitchell the pair began to pull the game round with a partnership of 64. Once Melville went, however, the end was in sight against the accurate spin bowling of Cook and Alec Bedser.

Mitchell continued to hold on and for a spell towards the close of the afternoon he began to attack the bowling to such good purpose that he scored 30 runs in about 20 minutes. Mitchell, who finished with not out 103, could find nobody to stay with him, however, and at the tea interval the South Africans with three wickets standing were still 181 runs short of the necessary total. Those remaining wickets fell to Cook soon after tea for only two runs and he came out with the final figures of six for 44.

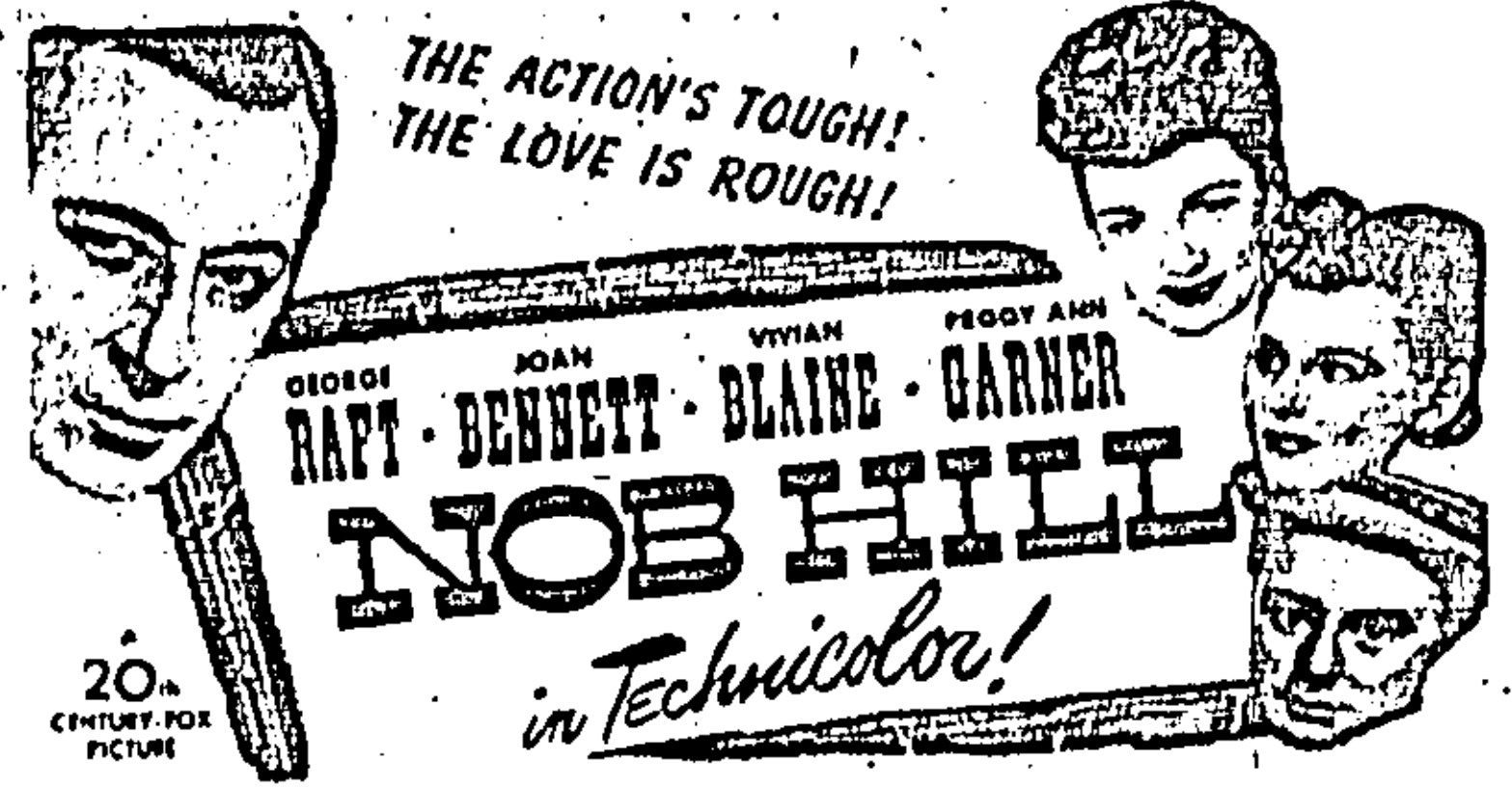
Results Of County Games
The final scores were: MCC 230 and 253 for four declared. South Africans 127 and 108 (Mitchell not out 103, Mitchell 40, Bedser three for 40, Cook six for 44).
At Birmingham: Middlesex beat Warwickshire, by an innings and

nine runs. Warwickshire 200 and 243 (Dollery 110, Taylor not out 60, Young six for 50). Middlesex 452 for five declared.

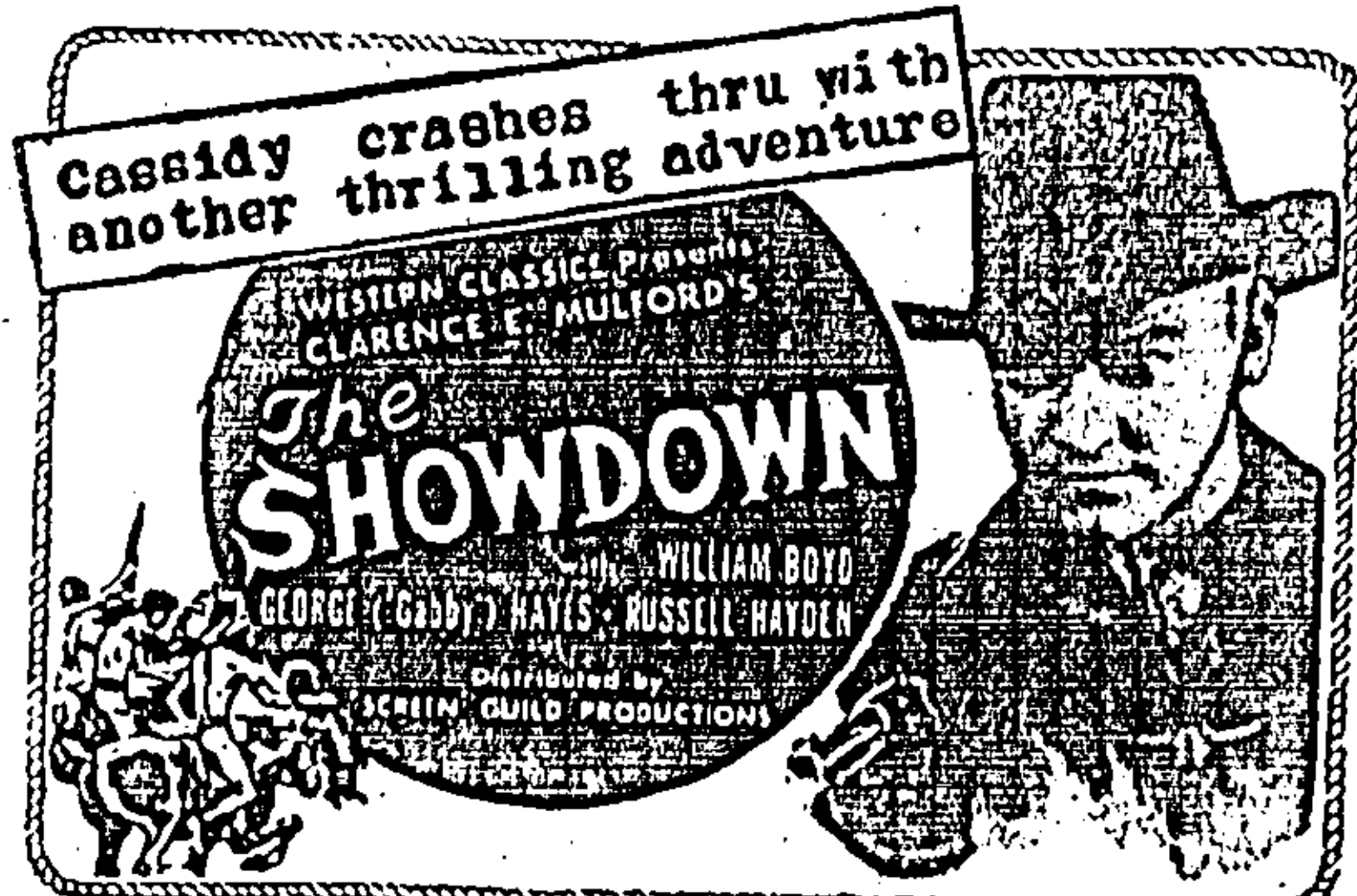
At Bradford: Sussex beat Yorkshire by three wickets. Yorkshire 147 and 200. Sussex 178 and 170 for seven (John Langridge 52).

At the Oval: Surrey beat Somersetshire by 207 runs. Surrey 300 for seven declared and 287 for three declared (Squires 64, Barling not out 33, Matthews not out 50). Somerset 105 and 165 (Meyer 50, Gover seven for 47).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire beat Worcestershire by two wickets. Worcestershire 235 and 116. Derbyshire 284 and 118 for eight.
At Ilford: Essex tied with Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire 251 and 201. Essex 207 and 230.—Reuter.

TO-DAY
ONLY**QUEEN'S**At 2.30, 5.15,
7.15 & 9.15 P.M.Sonja Cornet
HENIE & WILDE**"WINTER TIME"**with Jack OAKIE * Cosar ROMERO
and Woody HERMAN and His Orchestral
A 20th Century-Fox Picture
— OPENING TO-MORROW —**CENTRAL**

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

**ORIENTAL**COMMENCING TO-DAY: 2.30-5.20-7.20-9.20 P.M.
Loaded with Laughter! Sprinkled with Songs! Gorgeous with glamorous Goldwyn Girls. . . And Danny Kaye funnier than ever!**ALHAMBRA**

NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

**STAR THEATRE**TO-NIGHT AT 8.30 P.M.
BOOKING HOURS: 12 p.m.—2 p.m. & 5 p.m.—7.30 p.m.
TELEPHONE: 58935.

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AMONG the half-dozen readers of this column how many can put his hand on his heart and say: "I have never sneered at Old Moore Gubbins, the world-famous astrologer?"

Not one, I expect.

Of course, I don't blame you. In this age of wise guys and smarties it is the fashion to sneer at those who read the future in the stars.

In ancient times when people knew what they were doing and where they were going they were more humble about these things. They were simple enough to believe what wise men told them.

If he had taken the advice of the astrologer millions of lives would have been saved. There would have been no food shortage, no fuel shortage, no housing shortage.

No whisky shortage, either. Not that it matters, of course.

WHAT would have happened if Shihwell had consulted Old Moore Gubbins last summer?

O.M.G. would have taken him straight to the fles in our office, pointed out the prophecy made in March 1944, told him about the weather in 1947, and then taken him out of the office for a quick one.

If Shihwell could have remembered what it was all about by the time he got back to the Ministry, everything would have been bang on, wizzo and oleic dolies.

Coal would have been saved by rationing domestic fuel in the summer, the wheels of industry would have been going flat out, and you and I would not be the blue-nosed, unhappy creatures we are today.

If Hitler wants any advice in the future he has only to ring up and ask for Nat.

Letter from a Wolf

DEAR SIR,
As a constant reader of your column may I once again trespass on your valuable space to air a grievance which has caused great resentment among thoughtful wolves all over the wolf-inhabited world?

We have noticed with growing dismay that the term "wolf" is being applied with greater frequency each year to any male of the human species who pursues women for a purpose too obvious to be described here.

We can only assume that the term originates from the fact that we hunt or pursue, our prey with the utmost determination, overcoming difficulties, ignoring danger, and enduring hardship with a relentless single-mindedness of purpose which, in some circumstances, is to be admired, in others to be deplored.

We believe that the circumstances in which we pursue our prey are to be admired.

A. This time of the year we are literally starving, sometimes for days, occasionally for weeks on end. Nobody offers us food. We can't do any work with our paws. We are shut on sight.

So we are forced to hunt for our living. In the worst possible conditions, often showing the greatest bravery, unarmed against armed men.

Therefore we greatly resent having our name applied to men who hunt their prey in warm cocktail bars, risking nothing but a snub.

We also resent the fact that their motives are identified with ours. After all, we only want to eat our victims.

We also think that now may be the proper time and here the proper place to draw attention to the exemplary moral lives led by wolves.

This may be due partly to our hard circumstances, but we prefer to believe it is because, among wild creatures, there is a strict moral code, which civilised man, in the misery of his complicated existence, finds hard to follow unless he imposes upon himself the severest self-discipline.

We can only say that she wolves in all packs are treated with the utmost respect and that if any wolf behaved like a man he would be torn to pieces.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
A Wolf.

Diary of a Worm

CHEERFUL worm-delayed in suburban train held up by frost arrives home four hours late. Explains to wife he might have been little earlier except that he stopped at low tavern to have couple of beers with witty worm friend before facing walk home in snow. Witty worm friend very funny about debates in Parliament, worm explains, still giggling.

Oh, so that's where worm has been, has he? While wife was worrying about poor worm stamping feet in freezing train worm was really in front of blazing fire in low tavern pouring out money which might have been spent on new curtains for freezing pig-sty where wife has been snowbound for six weeks.

Of course, wife might have known that selfish worm would look after himself while others suffered for incompetence of worm's dirty Socialist Government. It was just like worm to vote for dirty Socialist Government and talk about virtues of dirty Socialist Government till wife was sick of hearing about them, and then when dirty Socialist Government brings country to brink of ruin for worm to escape consequences.

Wife can understand why worm is dirty Socialist. Worm is dirty Socialist because worm has no brains or initiative and expects to be kept in idleness and luxury by State. Moreover, worm is probably jealous of proper men like gas manager who have got on in world through hard work and thrift, who manage to catch trains that are not frost bound, and sit down behind new curtains for proper dinner at seven with bottle of wine on table and proper fire in grate.

No doubt petty, jealous worm is looking forward to day when enterprising men like gas manager are nationalised and brought down to level of worm and low, cadging friends.

What wife can't understand is how worm, who is supposed to believe all men are brothers and equals, can throw away money like a millionaire in low tavern with witty worm friends who are no doubt dangerous Communists spending Russian gold, while brothers and equals are trudging home in snow or shivering before empty fireplaces eating frugal supper in overcoats.

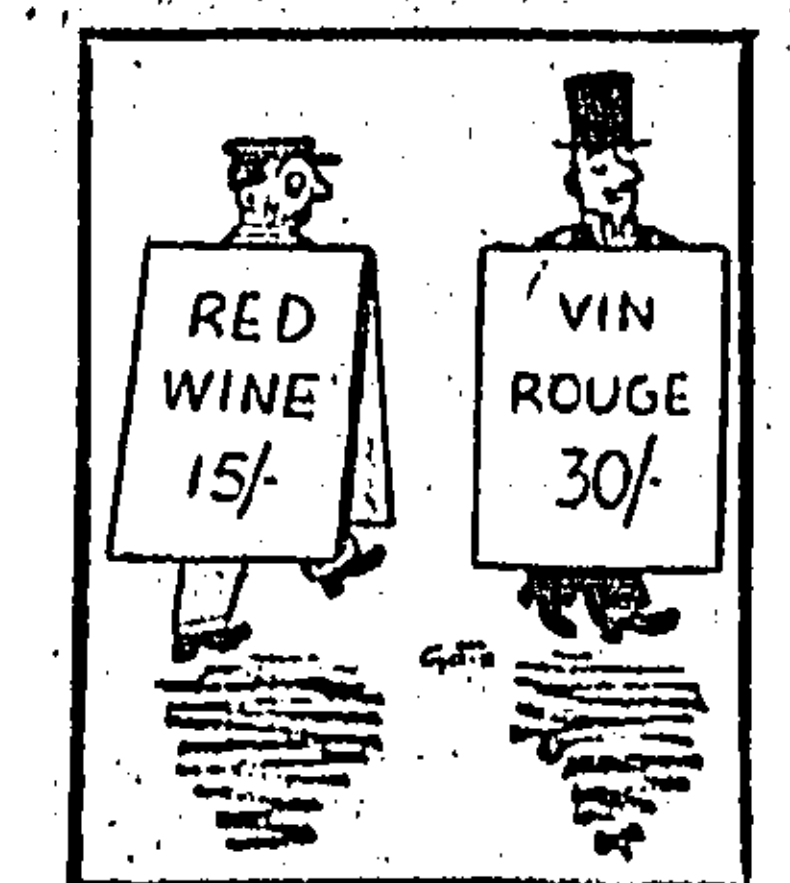
So far as wife can see worm isn't even proper Socialist. Wife can't remember worm ever making clever speech or being able to stand up for two minutes in political argument with gas manager, who has world affairs at finger tips, while worm, who would be laughing stock of local council, is content with low tavern politics, throwing away Empire over glass of beer.

If worm had any push and go worm might have been Member of Parliament instead of being at beck and call of every Tom, Dick and Harry in City. Worm might even have been Cabinet Minister and got £5,000 a year for throwing Empire away instead of doing it for nothing.

Worm had better appearance and personality with proper education, instead of looking like out-of-work bookmaker's clerk, worm might even have been Prime Minister with £10,000 a year and wife could have lived in Downing-street with proper curtains instead of scraping along on paltry pittance, unable to hold head up in Worms-avenue because curtains are ten years old.

One day worm will be fired from office boy's job in City or arrested by police for sedition, and wife who has worked fingers to bone trying to make home out of pig-sty will end up in gutter while worm is in prison dreaming of Utopia.

POCKET CARTOON

**BY THE WAY**

by Beachcomber

THE recent terrible hailstorm in Sydney reminded me of an adventure of my own.

Years ago I was walking in the Tatra Mountains, on the borders of Czechoslovakia and Poland. It was a lovely summer day, but the sky suddenly darkened, and to my amazement, great hailstones, which really hurt when they hit me, came hissing down. I sheltered under a rock, and it was soon over. They were the largest hailstones I ever saw. By the time I got down to Zakopane, they were as big as golf balls. In Cracow they had grown to the size of cricket balls. At Czenstochowa I was comparing them with footballs. Now, when I look back, and remember my youthful powers of exaggeration, I sometimes wonder whether they were really as big as small marbles.

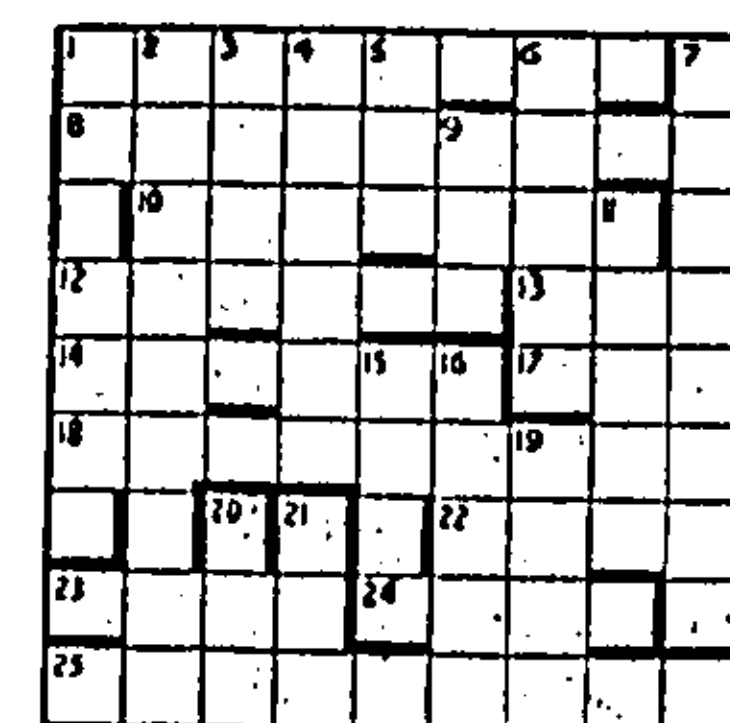
Murder of an elephant

(VIII)

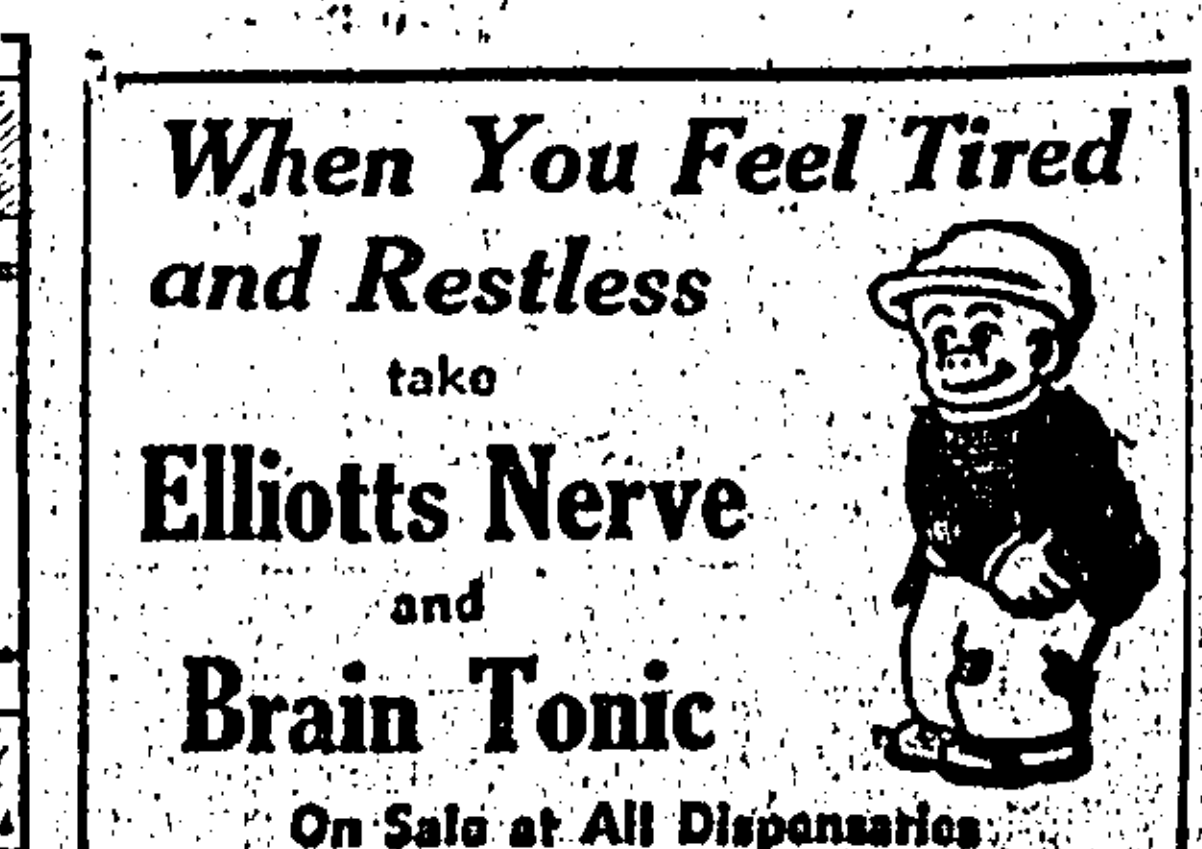
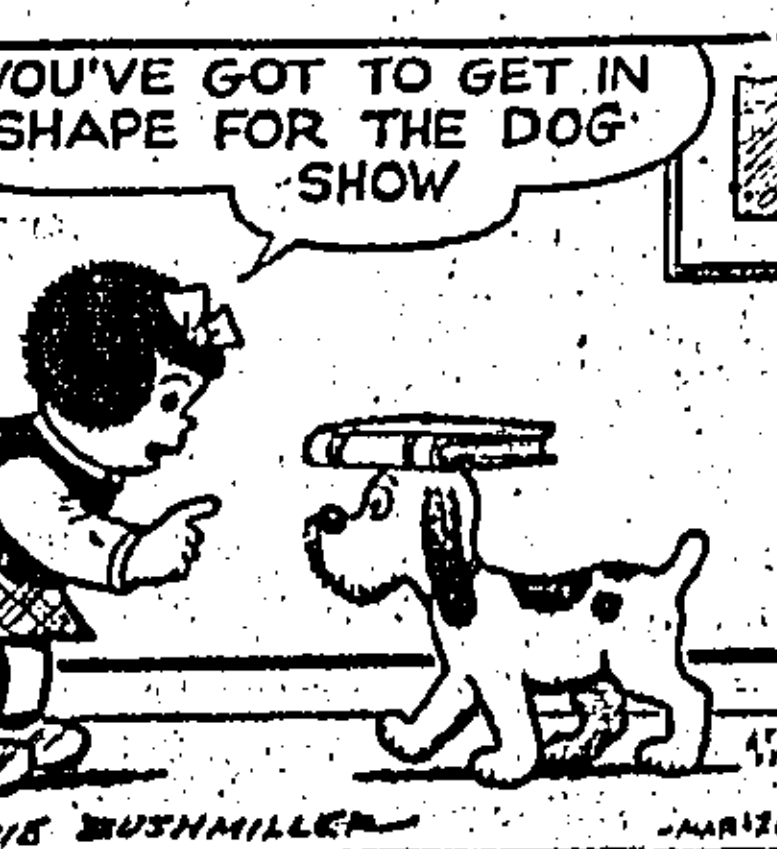
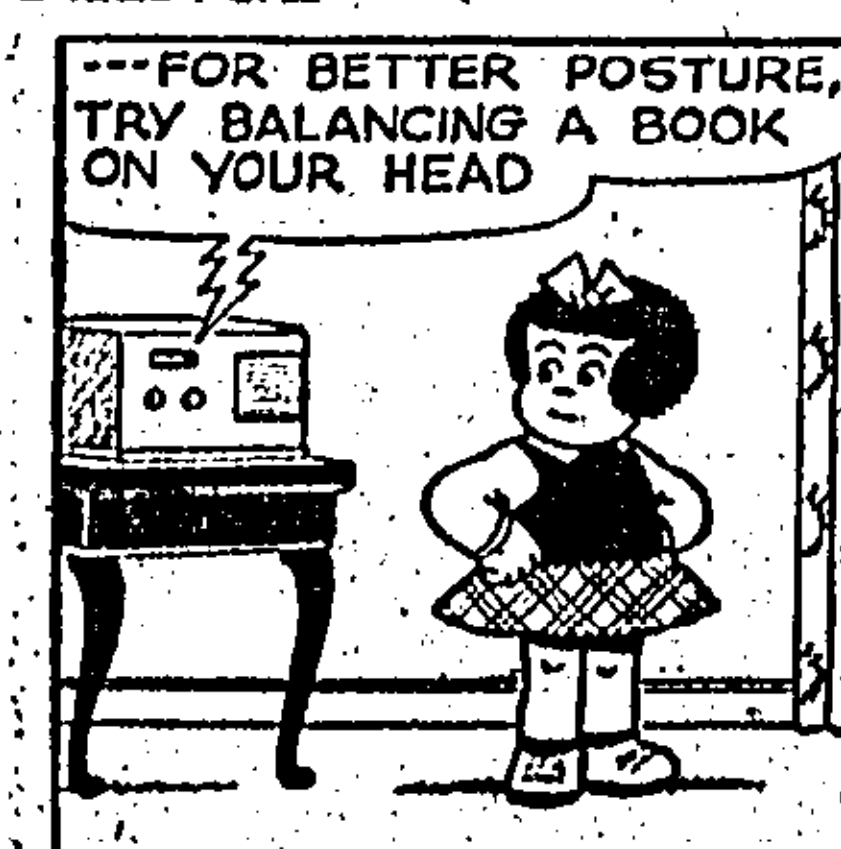
MALPRACTICE went through the College kitchens like a tornado, and was in time to surprise a strange conversation in the pantry. A steady-looking man was offering a sum of money for something wrapped in newspaper. "Who are you?" thundered the scullion. "Milkins," said the man. "What are you doing?" "Trying to buy a bit of stuff for Bradell and Ruddy." "A bit of stuff? What stuff?" "A bit of elephant's tusk. The firm makes billiard balls." At that moment a cook entered the kitchen, shouting, "Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Will this make a tasty dish? Malpractice sprang forward and snatched an enormous lump of meat from the man's hand. One glance told him that it was the thigh of a full-grown elephant. He dashed back to the Master's house, burst in, and roared in a steely voice, "I arrest you for the murder of Bingo, the elephant!" The kindly old man glanced up from his Hesiod. "I'm too old to murder elephants," he said. "I confine my activities to eating them." "One must supplement the rations."

Financial note

MANY people are asking why discount houses, holding maturities, have had to begin selling short bills. The reason is that the calling in of funds has been only temporary, so that the credits outstanding are more than counterbalanced by the demands for money. Erratic price movements abroad are always followed by a downward trend in the rate applicable for payments, as to mail transfers and buying rates here.

CROSSWORD

1. Tonight's the night in Scotland. (10)
2. You can get a lead rope from it. (10)
3. The cowboys: showing how napper breaks up the scare. (7)
4. Bullet without bustle for a chance. (10)
5. Exclamation. (3)
6. A graduation breaks the piano and provides a circuitous piano. (10)
7. She's in the green antlered. (10)
8. Sort of Utopia you get from the mirror. (10)
9. Just a wee coin. (4)
10. This year will be in more senses than one. (4)
11. They are citizens. (10)
12. Gives an unbiased political report. (7)
13. Belongs to the entire Christian Church. (10)
14. Nowadays often follows a smash. (10)
15. Withdrawn from the Cape Town. (10)
16. A letter to Nora is the making of him. (10)
17. Secret code. (10)
18. Shelter. (3)
19. The way Eisenhower spent sheep. (10)
20. Tackle. (4)
21. Starter in the bike track sense. (10)
22. Bird in a lemurid state. (10)
23. Often ends up in a pig. (10)

DUMB BELLS**NANCY** And Put Zeal into It!

Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Edith Head designs Dramatic gowns.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—Please suggest a dramatic outfit for a tall girl. It's for a smart dinner party."
—V. B.

Why not take the gown (above) designed by Edith Head of Paramount studios for your inspiration. It is of black jersey, long-sleeved, and high-throated. A wide hip sash sweeps around the body, holding a wide cascade of embroidered black organdie. Dramatic jewellery aids in the dramatic effect. Loretta Young wears this gown in "The Perfect Marriage."

"Dear Lois Leeds—Will oil darken my hair? It's very light."
—GOLDIE.

If you use hot oil the night before your shampoo and shampoo there-

oughly, I see no reason why the oil should darken your light hair. You can "shampoo" your cosmetic counters for an oil to be used on blonde hair. A camomile shampoo is nice for lightening your hair.

"Dear Lois Leeds—What should I do? My nails are so easy to break. I am rather rundown.—LORRIE." Add milk to your diet. From the balance of your letter I judge that your diet is all wrong. Milk will give the calcium content so necessary for building strong nails. And do rest and relax a certain number of minutes each day. You can't work so hard when you are underweight.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Please tell me something about eyeshadow.—M. K." Eyeshadow is not to be matched to the colour of your eyes. You should match it to some colour note in your costume or accessories. If you have blue eyes it is pretty certain that you will wear lots of blue. Therefore, blue eyeshadow is for you, from the palest to the deepest shades.

Apply smoothly from the inner corner of the eye, out toward the end of the brow. Blend and smooth with fingertips until there is just a faint tone of colour left, just enough to add a little mystery and allure!

BROADWAY SHORT OF LOVELIES

By Robert Musel

George Wood, whose pleasant job it is to find beautiful women, reports sadly that Broadway no longer has its old allure for pretty girls.

"The kids who used to flock to New York's bright lights, as they did to Hollywood, are staying in their own home towns," George said. "They get the same opportunities for recognition and good salaries, without the hazards of starting in a strange city. And for all its millions, New York never has produced a large crop of real beauties."

Wood, one of the key men of the William Morris Agency, was speaking in his Radio City office, unadorned except for a beautiful secretary: he picked her himself.

Spenders Scarce

"Those big Texas showgirls," he sighed, "are staying in Texas these days. Why come north when they can get all that money modelling in Dallas and Houston?—The same is true in Cleveland, Chicago, Miami and other cities. Photographers need loveliness, so do model agencies. So do local producers. Broadway is the loser."

Along with the beautiful girls, Broadway has lost its big spenders, Wood declared.

"The stage door Johnny is gone," he lamented. "So is the rich playboy. No one sends the girls bundles of orchids on opening night any more. There has not been a big champagne party tossed by a spender for the cast in seasons."

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You were telling everybody at the party last night how easy housework is—now how about trying some of it?"

Italy's Merchant Navy Climbing To Half Of Prewar Tonnage

Italy's merchant marine, 50 percent destroyed in the war, will be back to half its strength by June, and the present rate of progress on reconstruction of ports will contribute further to the revival of the shipping industry. Approximately 3,000,000 tons of Italian shipping were sunk during the war. At the end of July 1946, the merchant fleet numbered a little less than 500,000 tons, but by six months later officials reported the fleet had grown to 800,000 tons.

Happy As Airline Hostess

Chinese airline hostesses are as efficient as American girls, in the opinion of Miss Bera G. Ohman, Pan American World Airways hostess who spent five days in Shanghai during a pause of the PAA Clipper flight-proving the Orient routes.

A former artist of the Walt Disney studios, Miss Ohman avers she has no regrets leaving Donald the Duck and Mickey Mouse. "I've never been so happy in my life," she said of her air hostess work.

Now in her seventh month as a PAA hostess, Miss Ohman is considered a veteran in her line of the service. "In our job," she explained, "you last only six months before getting married. 'She added: 'Look like they (PAA) are going to have me for a long time."

Likes Meeting People

The pretty American hostess, who hails from Los Angeles, admitted that the art life probably isn't her cup after all. She said she likes meeting new people and seeing new places. "I'm a sort of vagabond," she explained.

Describing her impressions on her first visit to Shanghai, Miss Ohman said that many of the things in the city are a source of wonder to her. It was a couple of days before she got used to prices quoted in six figures. After a quick mental conversion to U.S. dollars, she usually said, "Oh, that's cheap," or "That's reasonable."

Among Miss Ohman's first purchases in Shanghai was a velvet Chinese gown, which she wore to a Chinese dinner given in her honour.

Of Chinese food, the PAA hostess' comments can be paraphrased, "Yum, yum!" She said that "with such a variety of delicious food" foreign dishes "just don't race."

Miss Ohman surprised her host by mastering chopsticks in the clocked time of five minutes.

BRITISH TRADERS FOR JAPAN

Japan's "Buckingham Palace" will probably accommodate some 40 British businessmen who are reported to be standing by in England ready for the reopening of Japanese foreign trade to private business.

Emperor Hirohito, in the course of a talk with General MacArthur, is said to have offered the use of Akasaka Palace—known better as Buckingham Palace owing to its design—to foreign businessmen.

The first of these businessmen, however, will be members of the American trade mission who are due to arrive in Tokyo soon to discuss with General MacArthur's Headquarters details for reopening private trade.

The date still has not been announced, although unofficial reports from Washington suggest it will be July 15.

Mr. A.D.F. Gascoigne, head of the United Kingdom Liaison mission, interviewed by Reuter, said he was at present not in a position to comment on this issue, but intimated that the interests of the businessmen by no means have been forgotten but are being considered on the highest levels.

Canada Buys Radium

Ottawa, May 18. Radium and radium necessities valued at approximately \$1,000,000 are being purchased by the Canadian Commercial Corporation, a Crown company, acting on behalf of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, as a gift from Canada to hospitals and medical institutions in Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, China and the Russian Ukraine.

Mr. W. D. Low, the Corporation's Managing director, has announced that contracts are being placed with Eldorado Mines and Refining Limited. Payment will be made from the \$1,000,000 total that Canada donated to UNRRA—Associated Press.

Italy is counting heavily on the arrival of Liberty ships purchased from the United States. The total tonnage will rise to 1,300,000 when these ships are placed in service and by June, the government hopes to see more than 50 percent of the wartime losses made good.

While the fleet is being rebuilt, every effort is being made to keep port reconstruction going. The general situation is considered "good," and special facilities are being granted to shipbuilders, who are overworked trying to meet foreign orders.

Some of Italy's biggest ships such as the Saturnia, the Vulcania and the Principessa Giovanna are again sailing under the Italian flag. Another six were recently returned by the Argentine Government.

Italy's fate as a shipping nation, however, depends also on the condition of her ports. Genoa, Naples, Bari and Ancona suffered heavily during the war and facilities, while improved, are still far from normal.

Genoa has made perhaps the most rapid strides toward reconstruction. During 1946, 2,000,000,000 lire was spent to rebuild the port. The port authorities recently announced that complete rehabilitation would be achieved in 1947.

By the end of last year, Genoa was handling 60 percent of its pre-war shipping figure. Officials said the tonnage would have been even higher if maritime and coal strikes in the United States had not held up shipments to Italy.

Clearance of Wreckage

Naples, giving special preference to ships bearing coal, petroleum and food, has also shown great progress in reconstruction. The major problem to-day, as it is in other ports, is clearance of wreckage from the harbour.

Ports along the Central Adriatic coast are in a more serious condition. Ancona is the only true port, the others being small harbours used primarily by the smaller craft but highly important to Italy's internal economy because of the hinterland they serve.

Ancona lost most of its technical equipment during the war and the harbour was badly blocked by wreckage. Appeals have been made for increased government aid to rebuild Ancona because of needs of the immediate area as well as the provinces of Marche, Abruzzi, Umbria and parts of Lazio, Emilia and Tuscany which derive goods from this centre.—United Press.

THE BRITISH LEGION

President To Retire

Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, President of the British Legion since 1932, will vacate the office at the National Conference to be held at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Whit-Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 25, 26 and 27. Thus, of the 26 years since the Legion was founded, he has been President for 15.

Writing in the May number of the British Legion Journal, Mr. T. F. Lister, first chairman of the Legion, tells how Sir Frederick played a leading part in the foundation of the movement, by the amalgamation of rival ex-Service organisations.

Illustrating the very great interest which Sir Frederick took in resettlement of ex-Service men, Mr. Lister tells this story:

"On one occasion he told Legion Relief Headquarters that they must draw a cheque for £1,000 in favour of the Admiralty, because that morning he had negotiated the purchase of six war vessels."

Staggering Idea

"In view of this we consider that Relief Department, but the vessels were for the purpose of a ship-breaking scheme, on which over 100 ex-Service men were to be employed at Plymouth."

"Incidentally, all the money expended was returned to the Relief Fund out of the profits of the enterprise. Rather characteristic because Sir Frederick, generally, showed a good business instinct, and believed that money subscribed could be used more than once for the benefit of ex-Service men."

Mr. Lister recalls that Sir Frederick for the establishment of a university, 1938, at the request of the Foreign Office to see Hitler.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCARD ENGLISH

"It is impossible to discard the use of English, if it is intended to acquire a higher standard of education in Malaya," says a group of educationists from Singapore Chinese schools in a memorandum which is being airmailed to the London Committee on Higher Education in Malaya.

This is the only memorandum to be forwarded from Singapore Chinese schools, and the group comprises the Singapore Chinese Schools Federation, the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Association and various Chinese School Committees.

"The population of Malaya is composed of peoples of different racial origins, and each of the latter has a distinct culture of its own. If the object of a Malayan University is to provide for opportunities of developing the cultures of the different communities, then there should not be any negation of their best cultural traditions," the report states.

Local Recruitment

"In view of this, we consider that matriculation to the University should be based on passing an examination in subjects connected with the candidate's own language and culture."

"In the case of Chinese candidates especially, the standard required in Chinese for matriculation should be that of Senior III in the Chinese high schools."

"The Malayan University will provide training for youth who will serve the country."

"Therefore, the tutorial as well as the staff should, as far as possible, be recruited from among the local people."

The memorandum also urges that facilities be granted in the proposed university for the study of Eastern languages, and asks for the study of oriental history and culture as special subjects.

Finally, it praises the step taken for the establishment of an university as a progressive move and source of encouragement to the various communities of Malaya.

Completing Peenemuende Destruction

Peenemuende, off the Baltic Coast, former island paradise which Hitler converted at the cost of 250,000,000 into a fantastic workshop of death, where he planned to win the war with an army of 11,000 slave workers toiling to turn out V weapons at the rate of 100,000 a year, is today a wilderness of destruction, writes Eric Bourne, Reuter's special correspondent. Masses of twisted steel, huge shattered slabs of concrete, piles of rubble and gutted buildings are all that is left of the great rocket arsenal with which Hitler might have won the war, but for the heavy delaying blows of RAF Bomber Command in the summer of 1943.

Peenemuende is at the northern tip of Usedom, 12 miles long narrow island about 80 miles northwest of Suedin. The site was chosen in December 1935 by Professor Werther von Braun and General Dornberger, head of the German army's rocket research department. Most of the key scientists and technical experts were evacuated before the Peenemuende experimental station was overrun by the Russians.

With two other British correspondents, I examined the ruined mysteries of this island. We three were the first non-Russian Allied personnel allowed to set foot there since the place fell to Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's army in the spring of 1945.

Russian Demolition

The Russians readily assented to our inspecting whatever we wanted to see. A year ago it was being said that the Peenemuende experimental station was working again as a "secret testing ground" for Soviet V weapons. The Russians had erected new barracks and workshops and set up new camouflaged firing points, it was claimed.

Our inspection revealed that the Russians, in fact, have been and are rapidly completing the process of destruction begun by British bombers.

The Russians plan to finish the demolition programme some time in June. "When we have finished there will be nothing left at all," Major Vasiliev, commandant of the Peenemuende area, told us.

Major Vasiliev said that the RAF destroyed 70 percent of the Peenemuende installations. The Russians are blowing up the remainder.

"The Germans took more than five years to create this place," he added. "The RAF knocked it out in ten hours."

DIVORCE PLEA

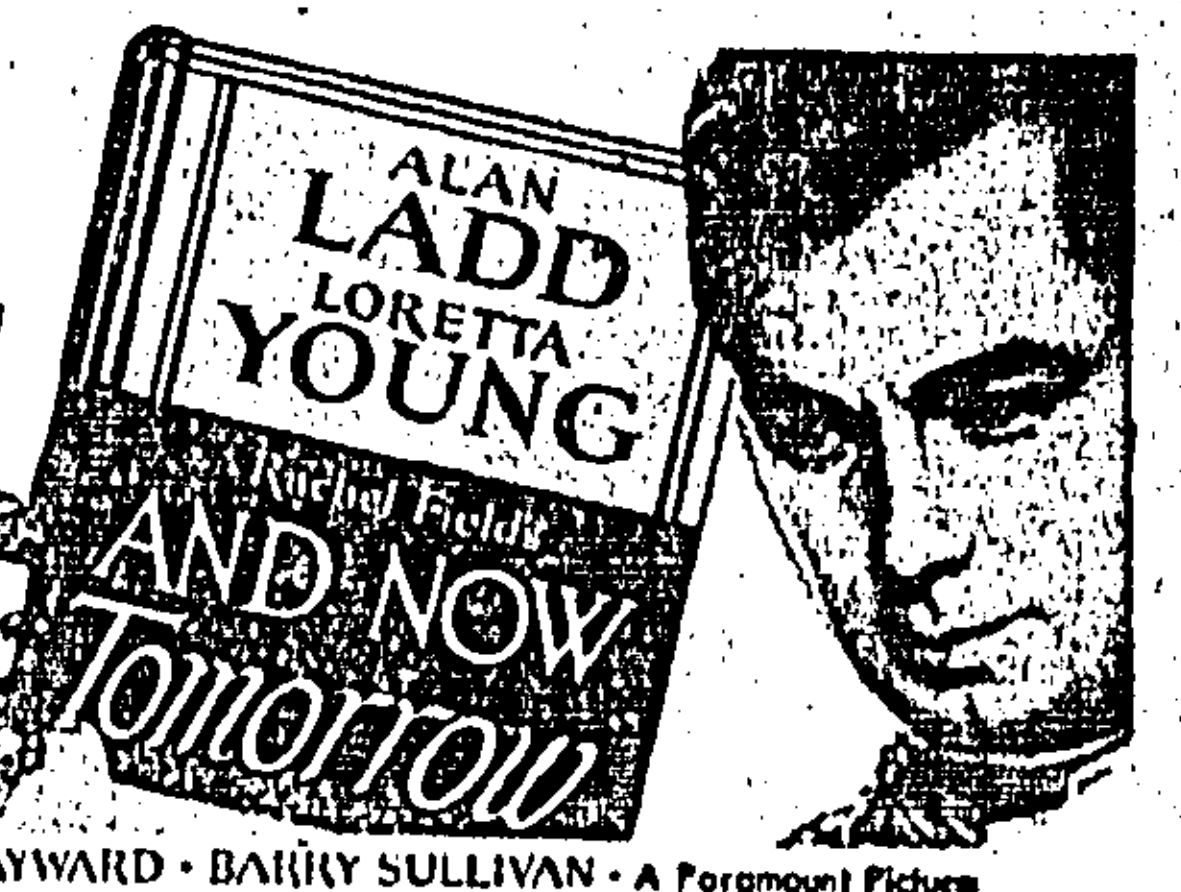
A divorce plea on cruelty grounds was granted by a Louisville (Kentucky) Circuit Judge after he read a 31-year-old woman's deposition. She asserted that her husband showed his dislike for certain dishes by pitching "the food on the floor," that he "put a pistol in my ribs" and also dragged her out of an automobile by her hair.

She clarified her deposition by saying that her husband had a "mean temper."—United Press.

SHOWING TO-DAY **WALKERS** At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

LADD is Back with a BANG!

The Young Star Who Became an Over-night Sensation... In his greatest role!



ALSO LATEST BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS

COMING SOON

HEDY LAMARR • ROBERT WALKER

JUNE ALLYSON

in M-G-M'S

"HER HIGHNESS and the BELLBOY"

LEE THEATRE

ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
Booking hours: 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. Daily

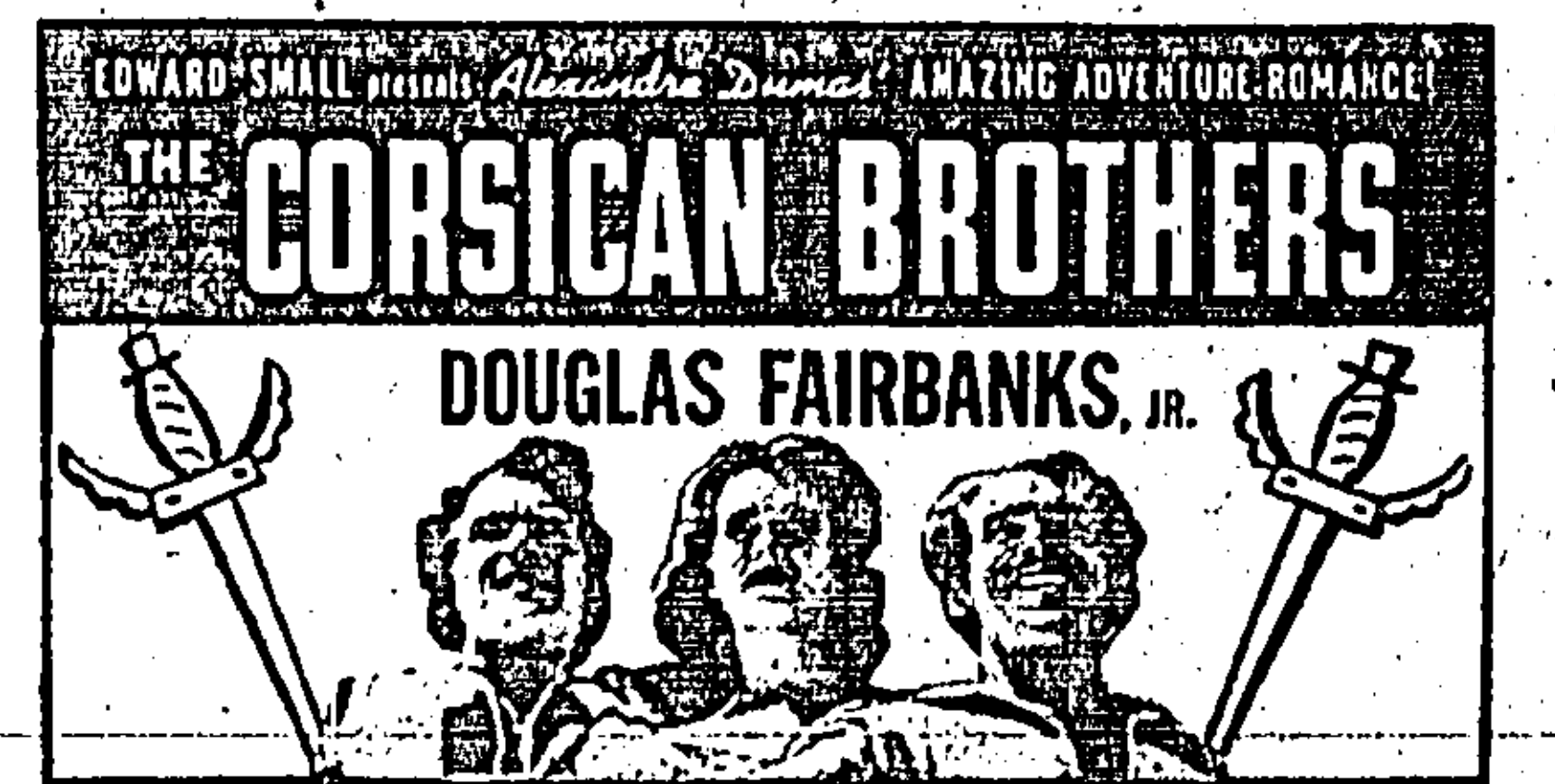
SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



"SOMEBODY IN FRANCE"

CONSTANCE CUMMINGS
Robert Morley • Tommy Trinder
Directed by CHARLES FREND
Released Thru UNITED ARTISTS

NEXT CHANGE



RELEASED THRU UNITED ARTISTS

TO-DAY ONLY **MAJESTIC** At 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

A THOUSAND THRILLS THUNDER TO THE SCREEN!
CECIL B. DE MILLE'S GREATEST!

"REAP THE WILD WIND"

IN TECHNICOLOR!

Starring Ray Milland • John Payne • Paulotto
Raymond MASSEY • Robert PRESTON • Susan HAYWARD
A PARAMOUNT SUPER-PRODUCTION.

TO-MORROW: FRED MACMURRAY

in "PARDON MY PAST"

TO-DAY ONLY **Cathay** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

THE BEST FILM YOU MUST SEE!

Gary COOPER as

"SERGEANT YORK"

with Joan LESLIE • Walter BRENNAN

A Warner Bros. Triumph

TO-MORROW

Donald REAGAN in

"INTERNATIONAL SQUADRON"

LEE THEATRE

PATRONS PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE AN ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

BOOKING HOURS: 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY

French Labour Meets To Draft Demands For Wage Readjustment

Paris, May 20.

As the French Government stood with its back to the wall, faced with a wave of nation-wide discontent, the administrative commission of the powerful, Communist-dominated trades union congress, CGT, held a special meeting today to draft labour's demands for a general wage readjustment.

Considered by French observers as of "vital importance" for the future of labour in France, the administrative commission was drawing up its views on four major points which the government will have to answer satisfactorily or run the risk of a gigantic strike movement, the consequences of which might be very grave, both politically and economically.

NOT HOPEFUL OF SOLUTION IN INDONESIA

Batavia, May 20.

Mr L. N. Palar, Labour member of the Dutch Lower House, who has been visiting Indonesia for two months, unexpectedly returned to the Netherlands today, according to the Dutch news agency Aneta.

Before his departure, Mr Palar told a reporter of the Dutch Batavia Daily, Nieuwsgier, that he still had hope of a solution of the Dutch-Indonesian problem by general speaking was not optimistic.

He said there were too few people on both sides willing to carry out agreement (the Lingardjati agreement) or had the capacity to do so.

Sockarno On Tour

President Sockarno and Vice-President Hatta yesterday started their tour of West Java, the Aneta agency reported today.

The Indonesian Ministers were accompanied, among others, by Ben Franklin, General Motors representative, and three Dutch trade unionists who attended the Indonesian Trade Union Congress at Malang.—United Press.

Dutch Ministers

Batavia, May 20.

The Dutch Premier, Louis Beel, and the Minister for Overseas Territories, Johannes Jonkmann, were treated to a birds' eye view of the famous mountain resort Lingardjati—scene of the drafting of the agreement of the same name—when the pilot flew low overhead as the Ministers were on their way back from Sourabaya, according to the Dutch news agency Aneta.

The Ministers visited areas in Medokerto and Sidoarjo, where inundations caused much trouble in the middle of last March. Beel put binoculars to his eyes at the Dutch military post and watched the Republican post opposite.

At Sourabaya the Ministers had discussions with maritime, military and civil authorities. The graves of three Dutch marines killed in action when the Lenkong dams were occupied to end the inundations—were also visited.

Macassar Discussions

Previous to the Sourabaya visit the Ministers spent a day at Macassar, capital of East Indonesia, where in discussions with officials it became apparent that whether East Indonesia could form a democratic community in mutual co-operation primarily depends on the attitude the Netherlands Government takes with respect to the Indonesian Republic.

The Ministers are returning to the Netherlands on May 23 and will stay a night at Singapore.—United Press.

Australian Trade Pact

Canberra, May 20.

The Minister of External Affairs, Dr Herbert V. Evatt, told the House of Representatives today that the Dutch-Indonesian-Australian agreement was ready for realisation, but the Dutch requested a postponement of the signing until after the union congress talks in Indonesia.

Dr Evatt said Australia was eager to resume Indonesian trade and urgently needs Indonesian goods.

Questioned by representatives, Dr Evatt denied that Mr C. S. Campbell has been accredited as Indonesian Trade Commissioner to Australia. He said the Indonesian Government has been informed that Mr Campbell is not acceptable to Australia.

Mr Campbell's statement that Australian unions were entering a worldwide ban against Dutch shipping had been denied by the unions here.—United Press.

REBUILDING OLD TOWNS

(Continued from Page 1)

The chief concession made by the Government to the Conservative Opposition before the guillotine fell on the Committee stage of the bill recently was the decision to abandon the 1939 standard of property valuation and pay compensation to land owners and owners of bomb-damaged sites according to the present market values.

The Town and Country Planning Bill is the last of two nationalisation schemes that the Government has decided to rush through the House of Commons before the White House recess next week, applying the guillotine procedure to impose a time limit on the debate.

The other bill, the Transport Nationalisation measure, was debated in the House of Lords today.—Reuter.

These four points are: 1. A minimum living wage. 2. Increase of the non-taxable portion of income. 3. Ways and means of applying production bonuses. 4. Very early signing of new collective contracts.

Tomorrow, the general bureau of the CGT will in its turn examine the same questions.

Meanwhile, the country waited fearfully for what tomorrow might bring, when the ultimatum of the gas and electricity workers runs out and the administration will be obliged to answer demands for increased wages.

Throughout the day, negotiations proceeded between the Ministry of National Production and the gas and electricity workers.

Thursday will be another important day, when the employers give their answer to the metal workers' demands for a ten francs per hour production bonus. It is considered likely government arbitration would be necessary to settle the conflict.

The Minister of Labour, Daniel Mayer, is due to give his decision today in the three-week-old strike of 15,000 laundry workers, who are protesting against their average wage of only 1,100 francs weekly.

Businessmen's Demands

Following yesterday's meeting of 18,000 small businessmen protesting against state-controlled economy, delegates representing 30,000 businessmen today drafted demands to be presented to the government. They have called a token strike for June 10.

Dockers in France returned to work today, but in Algeria the movement is due to last through today.

Numerous small strikes broke out in various parts of France, particularly in the textile regions. In Paris there were two new strikes involving 1,200 workers.

French observers attach considerable importance to the small businessmen's protests. Georges Garneau, commentator of the middle-of-the-road evening newspaper, Paris Presse, said: "When such calm and well-disciplined citizens make such a show of energy and call for action, that means the cup is full to overflowing."

At Dijon, shopkeepers and small business got off to a flying start and remained closed throughout the morning. Only bakers were open.

At Roche, strikers entered the offices of the Economic Control Service and, after having asked employees to leave, smashed all the furniture, tore up files and broke windows. Several of the strikers were arrested.—United Press.

PALESTINE TRUCE OFFER

Lake Success, May 20.

An offer of a truce if the British military courts were abolished in Palestine has been officially presented to Dr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, by Max Seligman, the lawyer who defended the executed Jewish terrorist, Dov Gruner, it was authoritatively learned today.

In a telegram addressed to Seligman, a leader of the Palestine underground movement named Kritzman, the Mayor of Tel-Aviv is understood to have appealed to the United Nations to intervene to obtain a stay of the expected death sentences on five persons held by a military court in Palestine.

In presenting the telegram, Seligman is reported to have declared that if the sentences were stayed and military courts abolished, the Palestine underground movement would stop the terrorists' acts.

Dr. Lie is understood to have decided that he was unable to act in this matter but would bring the offer to the attention of the Palestine fact-finding committee which meets here on May 20.—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Son To Wed

Washington, May 21.

Captain John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, son of General of the Army and Mrs Dwight Eisenhower, and Miss Barbara Jean Thompson and Miss Barbara Jean Thompson were married on June 12 at Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

The announcement of the engagement and forthcoming marriage was made yesterday by the girl's parents, Colonel and Mrs Percy W. Thompson.

Miss Thompson and her parents have been in Austria, where young Eisenhower also has been stationed. Both Thompson and Eisenhower have been transferred to the United States.—Associated Press.

THE PARKERS



Unruly Visitors To Warship

Bombay, May 20.

United States Marines and Bombay police today dispersed an unruly crowd which attempted to force its way aboard the United States cruiser Toledo, which is currently visiting Bombay en route to Tokyo.

A huge crowd responded to a published invitation to the public to visit the cruiser, and arrived by the thousands at Alexandria dock where the vessel is anchored. Because there was only one small gangplank and the crowd was in apparent unruly spirit, Captain Detzer, commander of the Toledo, notified the United States Consul-General who in turn notified the police.

The ship was then ordered to be closed to visitors, which precipitated a storm of jeers and catcalls and screams of "Yankies, get out." Some already on the gangplank tried to keep moving, but a Marine detachment on the ship, using rifles as blockade, pushed the crowd off while the police dispersed it from the docks.—United Press.

COLOUR BAR IN BOXING

Aloof Stand Taken By Board Of Control

London, May 21.

Britain's Boxing Board of Control turned down a request today from Mr John Lewis, Labour Member of Parliament for Bolton, for a meeting to discuss what he called "disquiet" in the minds of the public regarding the administration of the Board.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Creech Jones, who associated himself with a proposal by Lewis that there should be a meeting with the Board to discuss the colour bar, has also been notified by Charles Donnell, Secretary of the Boxing Board of Control, that the Board does not consider any useful purpose would be served by receiving a deputation.

Donnell said the Board had received no communication from any licence holders indicating dissatisfaction regarding the administration of the Board.

Criticism of the Board—and the colour bar developed when Al Phillips of Aldgate received a points decision over Cliff Anderson, coloured fighter of British Guiana, in a British Empire Featherweight championship bout.—Associated Press.

Surplus Stores For China

Honolulu, May 20.

Admiral C. B. Momsen, former Chief of Staff to the Naval Command of the Marianas, who is en route to Washington, revealed today that some \$200,000,000 in surplus war materials will be transferred to China from the huge supply depot at Guam.

He said at present there are 400 Chinese at Guam guarding the materials which will be taken to China aboard three or four Chinese ships within the next 24 months.

Admiral Momsen commented that the biggest project on Guam at present involves anti-typhoon measures initiated as the result of the destructive storm last September. He said buildings have been strengthened sufficiently to withstand a 100-knot gale.—United Press.

54 QUALIFY IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Kilmarnock, Scotland, May 20.

Fifty-four players qualified for the 72 holes competition proper in the Daily Mail £2,500 professional golf tournament here.

Charles Ward, who was second to Alfred Padgham in the same event last year, headed the qualifiers with 142, but Padgham failed to qualify. He putted very badly today, taking 81, which gave him a total of 154. The final qualifying place was for an aggregate of 153.

Seven players took 154, including Padgham, but the rule of the event was that a maximum of 60 survived and so all seven had been eliminated. All other fancied players qualified.—Reuter.

Batavia, May 20.

The Dutch news agency, ANETA, reported today that the first locally manufactured wireless sets in Indonesia since the war will leave the Philips radio assembly plant at Sourabaya in a few months.—United Press.

American Scientists To Study Pacific Islands

Washington, May 20.

The Navy announces that 44 scientists shortly will begin extensive research on the Marshall, Caroline and Mariana islands in the Pacific.

They will study the former Japanese mandated islands for cultural, economic and anthropological background. The Navy will supply the transportation to many of the 1,400 islands and atolls to be visited.

The islands have not been subjected to scientific examination since a German expedition visited them in 1910.

The studies of the scientists, representing 21 institutions, will provide a basis for the administration of the islands, with particular attention to rehabilitation, health and welfare of the inhabitants.—United Press.

Greek Gendarme Stops Newsman At Airport

Athens, May 20.

Seymour Freidin, New York Herald-Tribune correspondent, was stopped, as he was boarding a Greek airlines plane en route to Crete, at Hassani airport today by a gendarmier lieutenant who said: "You may not leave Athens."

JAPANESE EMULATE FR. FLANAGAN

Tokyo, May 20.

Under the stimulating presence of the Rt Rev. Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town in Nebraska, Japanese communities are planning similar movements.

Accounts of several such plans have appeared in the Japanese press, the latest of which is the Community of Children in Tokyo's Suganami ward.

The Suganami plan is already completed under the sponsorship of the Metropolitan Child Welfare Department and the kindergarten group. The projected organization is distinctive in that it will be carried out on a private and community basis without patrons or government aid.

The children are to establish their own government in the complete little city. Training in professional and skilled trades is to be given.

The founders hope the children will set up a factory headed by children and become self-sufficient.—United Press.

CHIANG ARMY BLOCKED

Nanking May 21.

Chinese Communists have acted decisively in two sectors in their attempt to cut off Government reinforcements for Changchun, the besieged capital of Manchuria.

Nationalist dispatches reported yesterday that Red troops cut the Peiping-Mukden railway south of the Great Wall, blocking the movement of Government military trains to Manchuria over this important line.

Other reports acknowledged the loss of Kungchuling, a rail town 36 miles south-west of Changchun, and said it would halt the flow of train-borne Government reinforcements going to the hard-pressed capital.—Associated Press.

U.S. ARMY STARTS A FAG BAN

Washington, May 21.

Striking at black market trading, the Army yesterday banned private shipments of American cigarettes and tobacco to Germany, effective May 20.

This action does not affect the supply available through the Army post exchanges, which the Army said is sufficient to meet "the normal individual needs" of American soldiers and civilian workers.—Associated Press.

CALCUTTA RIOTS

Calcutta, May 20.

Rioting worsened in Calcutta today with 20 shootings, bomb, acid throwing and arson incidents. Involving three deaths and forty persons injured up to 9 p.m., an official communique stated tonight.

Troops and police fired eight rounds to disperse an armed crowd trying to burn a police station, and the police fired again when a bomb was thrown at a train.

The police arrested 177 persons today.—Reuter.

Jew Air Drop Story Ridiculed

Jerusalem, May 21.

Various Jews, British and Arabs have challenged the assertion made in New York by Rabbi Baruch Korff that the Political Action Committee for Palestine had been dropping refugee Jews into the Holy Land by parachute.

"It is a sensation how they can drop people by parachute without airplanes," one high military authority said yesterday.

"All they ask us to believe is that a plane can take off in Europe, fly over a dozen frontiers, drop the parachutists and fly away without being shot down."

A Jewish agency spokesman criticized what he called the use of such stories to assist in the collection of funds. An Arab spokesman commented similarly.

Police sources termed the assertion about the parachute immigrants as "fantastic and impossible."—Associated Press.

TOGLIATTI OUTBURST

Rome, May 20.

Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti today called American anti-Communists "idiots," and declared that former United States Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles had strengthened Italian Communism in his recent radio warning that Togliatti's party with "funds from Moscow" was about to gain control in Italy.

Signor Togliatti's statement followed his telegraphic demand yesterday to Mr Welles to furnish proof of his accusations or admit as a "liar and agitator."

In a two-column front page signed article against both Mr Welles and American policies in general in the Communist daily Unità, the Communist leader said although they did not know each other he could recall Mr Welles' European trip of 1939 "to study the Fascist tyrant when he (Welles) spent first of all of his mode of dress, of his ties, his shoes and the rest of his trousers."—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

Wednesday, May 21
Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongmoon, Macao, Tientsin & Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping, Canton, Luchow and Kowloon (Air) 3 p.m.
Fochow only (Air) 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 22
Manila P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) Noon.
Canton (Train) 12 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.
Kongmoon, Peiping, Swatow and Amoy (Air) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.
Hankow (Sea) 3 p.m.

Friday, May 23
Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada (Air) 8 a.m.
Shanghai and Manila P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 12 p.m.
Fochow and Keelung (Sea) 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Amoy & Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bora, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Mar. Seilles and London (Air) 3 p.m.
Sakon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, and Auckland (Air) 3 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping and Chungking (Air) 3 p.m.
Canton, Hothow and Kunming (Air) 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 24
Canton (Sea) 8 p.m.
Hailphong (Sea) 10 a.m.
Manila P.I. (Sea) Noon.
Canton (Train) 12 p.m.
Teamkong and Hailphong (Sea) 2 p.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and on 0.42 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

0.30 B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Victory Star" Show Programme; 8 London Relay; World News; 8.10 London Relay; Home News from Britain; 8.15 Studio; "Bring You Music"—Classical Request Programme presented by Lynn Fraser; 9.15 French Programme; 9.45 Parkie Songs and Music; 10 London Relay; News; 10.10 Interlude; 10.15 B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Scotland Yard at Work"; "The Master Criminal"; 10.45 "Twilight Melodies"; 11 Close down.

GREEKS FEAR NEW ACTS OF AGGRESSION

Geneva, May 20.

Greece charged in the plenary session of the United Nations Balkans Commission today that Yugo-Slavia, Albania and Bulgaria planned new acts of aggression against her on an increasing scale.

Alexander Kyrou, Greek liaison representative with the Commission, said in the name of the Greek Government: "It is not unlikely that so-called foreign legations will attempt to put in an appearance in Greece."

Kyrou said the Balkans neighbours aimed at the detachment of Macedonia and Western Thrace from Greece, plus political enslavement of his country. He said the ultimate objective was "purely strategic in nature."

Kyrou appeared to the Commission to hold Yugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Albania jointly, rather than separately, responsible for what he said "had happened and continued to happen in Greece."

He said: "The plan for intervention was jointly conceived and executed with the three countries acting in common with amazing singleness of purpose."

Kyrou claimed that an "enormous volume of propaganda" has been unleashed against Greece, with its source "not limited to the Balkans and its funds seemingly inexhaustible."—United Press.

NOTICE

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at 18 Pedder Street (1st floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY the NINTH day of JUNE, 1947, at NOON, for the purpose of proposing and if thought fit passing the sub-jointed resolutions as a special resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Association be altered in the manner following:—

- Article 17 shall be cancelled.
- In the third line of Article 71 the word "two" shall be substituted for the word "three".
- The following Article shall be substituted for Article 76: "76. Subject to any special terms as to voting upon which any shares of the Company may have been issued or may for the time being be held, upon a show of hands every member present in person shall have one vote, and upon a poll—every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him".

By Order of the Board,
R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, Dated this Ninth day of May, 1947.

NOTICE

Advertisers are requested to note that no advertisements (with the exception of urgent notices) will be accepted between the hours of 12.30 noon Saturdays, and 9 a.m. on Mondays.

From and including Mondays to Fridays, copy for the following day must be submitted not later than 4 p.m.

S. C. M. POST.
H.K. TELEGRAPH.

PREMISES WANTED

BACHELOR requires one room, board optional; can pay good rent. Apply Box 101, H.K. Telegraph.

WANTED two or three roomed flat, willing to pay high rent. Take over Furniture. Apply Box 102, H.K. Telegraph.

WANTED one big or two roomed office premises in Hongkong, can take over furniture fixtures. Apply Box 104, H.K. Telegraph.

POSITIONS VACANT

WANTED—experienced Chinese having good experience and connections with local produce factories, for export import firm. Apply immediately Box 103, H.K. Telegraph.

Printed and published by Frederick Percy Franklyn, on behalf of South China Morning Post Limited at 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong.